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**SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT**  
**UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b)**

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56 and 1.97(b), Applicants bring to the attention of the Examiner the listed documents on the attached PTO SB/08 Form. To the knowledge of the undersigned, this Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement (Supplemental IDS) is being filed before the mailing of a first Office Action after filing of a Request for Continued Examination under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114, for the above-referenced application. This Supplemental IDS supplements the IDS filed on June 22, 2006.

Applicants attach copies of the listed foreign and non patent literature documents.  
Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner consider the listed documents and indicate that  
they were considered by making appropriate notations on the attached form.

In lieu of a statement of relevance or translation of the listed foreign document, Applicants enclose a copy of an English translation of the Official Action dispatched July 22, 2009 from the Japanese Patent Office for counterpart Japanese Patent Application No. 512671-2005, citing Japanese Publication No. 2003-324473 and setting forth the relevance thereof. In addition, Applicants enclose an English language Abstract of Japanese Publication No. 2003-324473. Finally, Applicants note that JP 2003-324473 is a counterpart of EP 1330084 and US 2003/0137937.

This submission does not represent that a search has been made or that no better art exists and does not constitute an admission that each or all of the listed documents are material or constitute "prior art." If the Examiner applies any of the documents as prior art against any claims in the application and Applicants determine that the cited documents do not constitute "prior art" under United States law, Applicants reserve the right to present to the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office the relevant facts and law regarding the appropriate status of such documents.

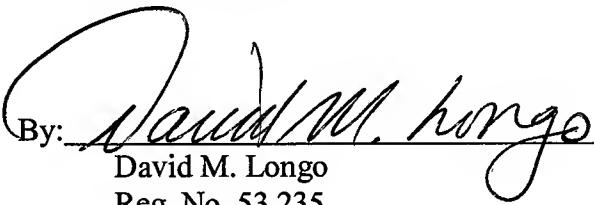
Applicants further reserve the right to take appropriate action to establish the patentability of the disclosed invention over the listed documents, should one or more of the documents be applied against the claims of the present application.

If there is any fee due in connection with the filing of this Supplemental IDS, please charge the fee to Deposit Account 06-0916.

Respectfully submitted,

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